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**From:** Caloggero, Dina (DPH)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2011 11:18 AM  
**To:** Han, Linda (DPH); Kludt, Patricia (DPH)  
**Cc:** McGuire, Thomas M (DPH); McNamara, Ann (DPH)  
**Subject:** Updated BLS ELC FOA2012 Budget ONLY  
**Attachments:** Budget ELC FOA2012.doc  
  
**Importance:** High

I am only submitting changes to the Lab budget portion of the request. The narrative remains the same. I increased the amount requested under section F- Contractual to \$154,800 from \$124,200. The increase amount of \$30,600 will cover the cost of the J2EE programming support needed for the development of the Norovirus PCR components. The development of this component is already covered in the narrative.

Thanks for letting me submit this change. Let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Thanks...Dina

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**From:** Han, Linda (DPH)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2011 2:59 PM  
**To:** Kludt, Patricia (DPH)  
**Cc:** Caloggero, Dina (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: ELC session at CSTE (Travel Opportunity Update)

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We may need to change the narrative, but that shouldn't take much time.

Thanks!!  
Linda

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**From:** Kludt, Patricia (DPH)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2011 2:01 PM  
**To:** Han, Linda (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: ELC session at CSTE (Travel Opportunity Update)

- 1) name, title, phone and email address of your designee
- 2) I don't think Ann has even started on this budget yet. The due date has been changed to May 31, 2011. If it changes the narrative, I will need to know.

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**From:** Han, Linda (DPH)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2011 1:30 PM  
**To:** Kludt, Patricia (DPH)  
**Subject:** Re: ELC session at CSTE (Travel Opportunity Update)

Dina caloggero.

We need to revise the ELC ACA budget-- do we have time? How much? Sorry!

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**From:** Kludt, Patricia (DPH)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2011 10:28 AM  
**To:** Han, Linda (DPH)  
**Subject:** FW: ELC session at CSTE (Travel Opportunity Update)

They want a name by 6pm tonight.

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**From:** Kludt, Patricia (DPH)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2011 5:49 PM  
**To:** Han, Linda (DPH)  
**Subject:** FW: ELC session at CSTE (Travel Opportunity Update)

Linda –

The Sunday before the beginning of the CSTE conference they are having a meeting for ELC grantees. They have been promising travel assistance for a number of weeks now but I gave up and decided to put in a TAF and go for just the Sunday meeting and not the whole conference. But they have come through and are offering to pay for one person to go, preferably from Epi, Lab or IT. I am already going and will represent Epi. Is there anyone from the lab who would be able to go and take advantage of this? It looks like they may be offering to pay for expenses for the entire conference. I was thinking specifically of maybe Tracy or Sandy.

Unfortunately we must let them who we have chosen by COB this Friday.

Pat

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**From:** Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (CD (CDC) [mailto:[elc@cdc.gov](mailto:elc@cdc.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 03, 2011 4:24 PM  
**Subject:** ELC session at CSTE (Travel Opportunity Update)

Dear ELC Grantees:

Sorry for the cliff-hanger (see email below), but ELC, in conjunction with CSTE, has recently worked-out a solution to offer travel assistance for one ELC representative from each of our 58 grantees to attend the CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) Cooperative Agreement Grantee Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This national meeting is part of the overall CSTE Annual Conference agenda. Travel assistance includes full-CSTE Annual Conference registration, airfare and per diem expenses (including hotel).

This travel support is intended for ELC grantee staff in positions of leadership. As you know, the ELC supports and encourages close collaboration between epidemiologic, laboratory and health information system components of state and local health departments. As such, and since this is a meeting that naturally draws stakeholders from the epidemiology field, the ELC encourages grantees to designate a key leader associated with ELC laboratory activities as the grantee's travel designee. ELC is making this request to help ensure this national ELC meeting has representation from each of the three stakeholders (i.e. epi, lab and health IT); but the choice of travel designee is ultimately yours. For those who have already planned/processed travel to this event, please ensure that this opportunity is made available to other appropriate leaders within your agency. While ELC can only provide assistance to one individual per grantee, we invite attendance from multiple representatives. A perfect meeting for ELC would be one leader from epidemiology, laboratory and health information systems from each of our 58 grantees.

In order to facilitate the travel, please respond to this email by ***Friday, May 6, 6pm ET*** with the name, title, phone and email address of your designee – who will then be contacted for final arrangements.

We are looking forward to a productive, informative and mutually beneficial meeting. For general CSTE Annual Conference details visit: <http://www.cste.org/conference/>.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh!

The ELC Team

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**From:** Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (CD (CDC)

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 10:38 AM

**Subject:** ELC session at CSTE

Greetings,

As many of you are planning your travel to CSTE in June, the ELC would like to make you aware of a special all-day session we will be hosting on Sunday, June 12, 2011. The ELC decided to take advantage of the CSTE meeting since so many of our grantees are usually in attendance. The purpose of the meeting will be to exchange information and seek input on a variety of topics including program implementation and best practices, performance measures and metrics, grants management, 2012 ELC planning. Meeting will include presentations, panels, and open discussion. The agenda is not yet finalized; please find below some key topics we are considering. ***Please let us know if there is anything we have left off that you feel would make an important topic for discussion:***

- Overview of ELC developments over last two years (including Affordable Care Act) and the future of the program.
- Panels to share success stories and lessons learned regarding ELC activities implemented, best practices from categorical and non-categorical program components, and epidemiology/laboratory/health information systems integration.
- Presentation and open panel on performance measures and metrics: sharing experience of strategies for different types of performance questions (e.g., accountability, impact, capacity, etc.).
- Introduction to 2012 FOAs: Disease-specific and non-categorical (ACA) competing continuations. Overview will include important changes to the ELC program and other key programmatic aspects.
- Mechanics of the ELC: Overview of primary ELC process actions, budget templates, application best practices, SAS/SUDAAN licenses and Frequently Asked Questions.
- Open forum for grantee feedback
- Challenges and coping mechanisms: Hiring and what reductions in state support mean for ELC programs

The agenda topics listed are a culmination of common themes we hear questions about but the list certainly is not exhaustive. If you have any additional ideas, please send them to the ELC at [ELC@cdc.gov](mailto:ELC@cdc.gov) no later than March 31, 2011.

We anticipate most ELC grantees are planning to have one or more staff in attendance at this conference. Because of the unique opportunity and the importance of the session, the ELC is also working to secure travel funds for an additional ELC-funded staff member from your jurisdiction. Please consider including your lead laboratory or health information systems staff for this occasion. Details are forthcoming regarding this possibility. Be sure to plan accordingly for this extra day of valuable information and interaction.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

-The ELC Team